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SUBJECTC: FIFTH SESSION, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION FOR UNIDO (IGC-V) ARTICLE 9 (BIS); SEAT OF UNIDO AS SPECIALIZED AGENCY

1. AS DEPT. AWARE, G-77 MISSIONS IN VIENNA, LONG RESENTFUL OF WHAT THEY VIEW AS INADEQUATE ATTENTION BY AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO THEIR NEEDS IN TERMS OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES, INSERTED PROVISION IN THEIR VERSION OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR UNIDO THAT SITE OF NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD BE DETERMINED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE, "...TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRIVILEGES ACCORDED TO THE ORGANIZATION AND THE MISSIONS..." DURING COURSE OF IGC-V NEGOTIATIONS, AUSTRIAN DEL WAS SUBJECTED PRIVATELY TO INTENSE PRESSURE BY G-77 REPS TO "TAKE SOME ACTION" IN REGARD TO SATISFYING THEIR DESIRES, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF FROM AUSTRIA'S HIGH VAT TAXES.

2. DISCUSSION FINALLY CAME TO HEAD APRIL 2 WHEN SMALL NEGOTIATING GROUP UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMBASSADOR MEHTA (INDIA) SPENT TWO HOURS IN DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 9 (BIS). G-77 REPS WERE OPENLY CRITICAL OF VIENNA AS SITE FOR NEW UNIDO AND MADE EXPLICIT THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH CURRENT SYSTEM
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FOR ACCORDING RELIEF FROM TAXATION. G-77 REPS PROPOSED FORMATION OF AN INFORMAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS TO MEET WITH AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES TO IDENTIFY PROBLEM AREAS AND PROPOSE SOLUTIONS. AUSTRIAN DEL (WOLTE) AGREED. G-77, IN RETURN, AGREED TO SPECIFY VIENNA IN DRAFT CONSTITUTION AS SITE FOR NEW UNIDO, BUT HELD BACK TRUMP CARD BY SPECIFYING THAT GENERAL CONFERENCE MAY CHANGE THE SITE

BY A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE. GP-B CHAIRMAN (VON SCHENK-SWITZER-
LAND) TO SURPRISE AND IRRITATION OF AUSTRIANS, THEREUPON
PROPOSED, AND GOT ACCEPTANCE OF, PROVISION TO EFFECT THAT"
"THE ORGANIZATION SHALL CONCLUDE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH
HOST..." INTENTION WAS THAT "ORGANIZATION" WOULD BE INTER-
PRETED TO REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF AGREEMENT TO IDB AND CONFERENCE
FOR APPROVAL.

3. NEXT TEXT ARTICLE 9 (BIS) AS REPORTED FROM CHAIRMAN WORKING
GROUP IS AS FOLLOWS: QTE 1. THE SEAT OF THE ORGANIZATION
SHALL BE VIENNA. THE CONFERENCE MAY CHANGE THE SEAT BY A
2/3 MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS. 2. THE ORGANIZATION SHALL
CONCLUDE A HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT.
END QTE. STIBRAVY

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